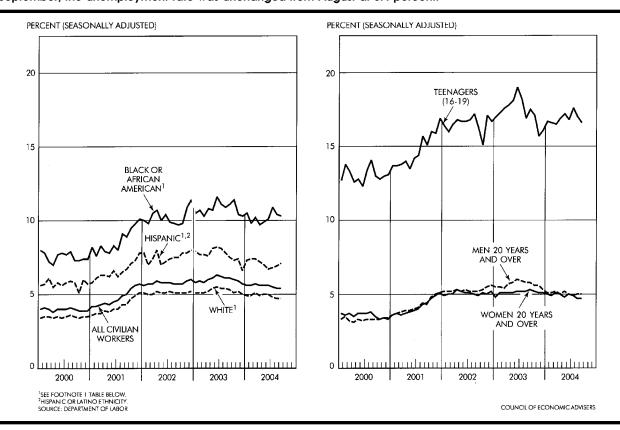
SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

In September, the unemployment rate was unchanged from August at 5.4 percent.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted]

| | Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | By sex and age | | | By race or ethnicity ¹ | | | | By selected groups | | | |
| Period | All civilian workers | Men 20 years and over | Women 20 years and over | Both sexes 16–19 years | White | Black or African Amer- ican | Asian (NSA) | His- panic or Latino ethnicity | Married men, spouse present | Women who maintain families (NSA) | Full-time workers | Part-time workers |
| 1994 2 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 17.6 | 5.3 | 11.5 | | 9.9 | 3.7 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| 1995 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 17.3 | 4.9 | 10.4 | | 9.3 | 3.3 | 8.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| 1996 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 16.7 | 4.7 | 10.5 | | 8.9 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| 1997 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 16.0 | 4.2 | 10.0 | | 7.7 | 2.7 | 8.1 | 4.8 | 5.5 |
| 1998 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 14.6 | 3.9 | 8.9 | | 7.2 | 2.4 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 5.3 |
| 1999 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 13.9 | 3.7 | 8.0 | | 6.4 | 2.2 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 5.0 |
| 2000 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 13.1 | 3.5 | 7.6 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 4.8 |
| 2001 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 14.7 | 4.2 | 8.6 | 4.5 | 6.6 | 2.7 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 2002 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 16.5 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 5.2 |
| 2003 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 17.5 | 5.2 | 10.8 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 3.8 | 8.5 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| 2003: Sept | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 17.5 | 5.3 | 11.1 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 3.8 | 8.5 | 6.2 | 5.7 |
| Oct | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 17.1 | 5.1 | 11.4 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 8.4 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Nov | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 15.7 | 5.2 | 10.4 | 5.2 | 7.4 | 3.7 | 8.3 | 6.1 | 5.1 |
| Dec | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 16.1 | 5.0 | 10.3 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 3.3 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 2004: Jan | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 16.7 | 4.9 | 10.5 | 5.2 | 7.3 | 3.3 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| Feb | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 16.6 | 4.9 | 9.8 | 4.7 | 7.4 | 3.4 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Mar | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 16.5 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 3.2 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| Apr | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 16.9 | 4.9 | 9.7 | 4.4 | 7.2 | 3.1 | 7.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| May | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 17.2 | 5.0 | 9.9 | 4.2 | 7.0 | 3.1 | 7.4 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| June | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 16.8 | 5.0 | 10.1 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 3.2 | 8.2 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| July | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 17.6 | 4.8 | 10.9 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 3.2 | 9.0 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Aug | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 17.0 | 4.7 | 10.4 | 3.6 | 6.9 | 3.1 | 8.3 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| Sept | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 16.6 | 4.7 | 10.3 | 4.3 | 7.1 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 5.6 | 5.0 |

¹Beginning in 2003, persons who selected this race group only. Prior to 2003, persons who reported more than one race were included in the group they identified as the main race. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanie or Latino may be of any race.
² See footnote 2, p. 11.

Note.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over. Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.